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SUBJ: TRIAL OF WILLIAM H. KASCH: KASCH ACQUITTAL

REF: ADANA 075 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. IN KASCH HEARING TODAY MAY 7 CONOFF AND FSL HEARD JUDGE ACQUIT WILLIAM KASCH OF CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED ANTIQUITIES SMUGGLING. PROSECUTOR HAS ONE WEEK TO APPEAL. END SUMMARY.
2. KASCH WAS NOT PRESENT TODAY FOR HEARING. LATE LAST WEEK DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAD PETITIONED COURT FOR PERMISSION TO CONTINUE CASE IN KASCH'S ABSENCE. KASCH REPORTEDLY IN ATHENS FOR TEACHERS' CONFERENCE. IN HEARING TODAY DEFENSE ATTORNEY

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MENZILETOGLU PRESENTED NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF RELEASE OF FOREIGN TOURISTS IN VAN ON SIMILAR CHARGE. ADANA COURT JUDGE HAD APPARENTLY ALREADY DECIDED TO DECIDE KASCH CASE TODAY WITH FAVORABLE JUDGMENT.

3. BASED UPON EARLIER OPINION OF COURT APPOINTED EXPERT, KASCH'S TURKISH ANTIQUITIES ARE CONFISCATED WHILE OTHER ART OBJECTS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO KASCH. NO DATE SET FOR RETURN OF KASCH POSSESSIONS.

4. DEFENSE ATTORNEY MENZILETOGLU THINKS IT POSSIBLE THAT KASCH DECISION MAY BE APPEALED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WITHIN THE ONE WEEK LEGAL LIMIT.

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